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SUMMARY. COUNCIL HEARD UNEXCEPTIONAL STATEMENTS BY MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA, BENIN AND KENYA MARCH 7. WITH VARYING DEGREES OF FERVOR, ALL CONDEMNED INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA. END SUMMARY.

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1. SC PRESIDENT (RICHARD - UK) OPENED MARCH 7 SC SESSION ON RHODESIA AND RELAYED REQUEST FROM THREE AFRICAN MEMBERS THAT PATRIOTIC FRONT (PF) LEADERS MUGABE AND NKOMO BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL UNDER ARTICLE 39. COUNCIL AGREED.

2. LOBO (MOZAMBIQUE) LED OFF DEBATE BY STATING INTERNAL SETTLEMENT, THE WORK OF "PUPPETS" AND "TRAITORS", WOULD NEVER WORK. THE PF COULD NOT BE IGNORED. IF SMITH WAS SUCCESSFUL IT WOULD ONLY MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE SOUTH AFRICANS TO ENGINEER ANOTHER INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA AND TO PROMOTE BANTUSTANIZATION IN SA ITSELF. THERE HAD TO BE A REAL TRANSFER OF POWER IN RHODESIA AND THE UK AND US MUST SEE THAT IT HAPPENS.

3. FIGUEIREDO (ANGOLA) CALLED INTERNAL SETTLEMENT A FARCE AND STATED THAT IT COULD ONLY PROLONG THE WAR. UNLESS THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IS REJECTED AND UNLESS THE UK/US NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PF ARE RESUMED, HE CONTINUED, THE ONLY OPTION IS MORE ARMED STRUGGLE. HE SAID "CAUTIOUSLY WORDED" STATEMENTS BY UK AND US ON INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WERE DANGEROUS AND SAID THE SMITH REGIME EXISTED ONLY THANKS TO SOUTH AFRICA AND "IMPERIALISTS". HE FEARED SOUTH AFRICA WOULD SEEK TO DUPLICATE SMITH'S ACTIONS IN NAMIBIA.
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4. BOYA (BENIN) MARRED THE STATESMANLIKE TONE OF THE SESSIONS TO DATE WITH A DIATRIBE ASCRIBING ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ILLS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA TO CONNIVING IMPERIALISTS. SMITH LACKED DIPLOMATIC FINESSE, HE SAID, WHICH PROVED THAT THE CLEVER MACHINATIONS IN SALISBURY WERE IN FACT BEING HATCHED BY IMPERIALIST PLOTTERS IN LONDON AND WASHINGTON.

5. MAINA (KENYA) ENDED THE SESSION WITH A MODERATE STATEMENT SAYING INTERNAL SETTLEMENT FELL SHORT OF PROVIDING MAJORITY RULE AND LEFT THE TRULY DIFFICULT ISSUES TO THE SO-CALLED TRANSITION GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THAT THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT FELL SHORT IN THREE IMPORTANT ASPECTS: (A) IT DID NOT TERMINATE THE CONFLICT; (B) IT DID NOT GRANT LEGAL INDEPENDENCE; AND (C) IT WOULD NOT EFFECT LIFTING OF SANCTIONS. THE CREDENTIALS OF ZIMBABWEAN LEADERS NOW PARTICIPATING IN THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WERE NOW "OPEN TO SERIOUS QUESTION". KENYA CALLED ON ALL STATES TO REJECT THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND TO SUPRORT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN AS A GOOD BASIS FOR SETTLEMENT. KENYA URGED CONVOCATION OF A CON-

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FERENCE OF ALL PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT, INCLUDING THE RF.

6. COMMENT. BIGGEST HAPPENING IN COUNCIL TODAY WAS GRAND ENTRANCE BY NKOMO PRIOR TO STARTING OF DEBATE. THERE WAS NO SPEECH TO MATCH SALIM'S STATEMENT OF MARCH 6. MOST DELEGATES RECOGNIZE THAT "ACTION" WILL NOT REALLY START UNTIL STATEMENTS ARE HEARD FROM LIBERATION MOVEMENT LEADERS, US AND UK. AFRICAN GROUP HAS NOT YET TABLED ITS DRAFT RESOLUTION AND THERE IS NO SIGN TABLING IS IMMINENT. YOUNG

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